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WASHINGTON, June 21, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 16 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 10.4 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1984 week was affected by flooding conditions in the Midwest.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 426.4 billion ton-miles, 16.0 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 16 totaled 406,776, up 7.9 percent from last year, but 2.8 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 14.6 percent in the East, 9.0 percent in the South and 2.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 11 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases. Coal loadings were up 20,871 cars (19.9 percent), and non-metallic minerals showed a gain of 2,665 cars (26.3 percent). Fourteen of the 21 groups declined from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 9 totaled 50,027 cars, up 13.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 87,924 trailers and/or containers, 14.5 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 1,157,835 cars, 18.0 percent higher than last year, and 1,998,321 trailers and/or containers, up 18.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/16/84:

	Loadings in Week ended June 16, 1984		Change from Corresponding Week 1983			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,062	D	698	2.8	D	16	0.0
Other farm products	3,766	D	860	18.6	D	219	5.8
Metallic ores	19,133	D	2,454	11.4	D	2,864	15.0
Coal	125,628	I	20,871	19.9	D	3,982	3.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,880	I	1,152	9.8	D	161	1.3
Nonmetallic minerals	12,814	I	2,665	26.3	I	347	2.7
Grain mill products	10,070	D	1,046	9.4	D	632	6.3
Food and kindred products	10,708	D	192	1.8	D	263	2.5
Primary forest products	13,733	D	1,235	8.3	D	614	4.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,219	D	309	4.1	D	152	2.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,858	D	531	3.5	D	477	3.2
Chemicals and allied products	23,020	I	462	2.0	D	749	3.3
Petroleum products	4,870	I	150	3.2	I	102	2.0
Stone, clay and glass products	11,662	I	768	7.0	I	2	0.0
Coke	6,029	I	648	12.0	I	75	1.2
Metals and products	9,816	I	1,477	17.7	I	306	3.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,999	I	2,422	13.0	I	506	2.4
Waste and scrap materials	9,626	I	1,274	15.3	D	258	2.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,098	D	1,383	16.3	D	329	4.6
All other carloads	58,548	I	6,557	12.6	D	2,432	4.2
LCL traffic	237	D	27	10.2	I	18	7.6
Total Cars Loaded	406,776	I	29,711	7.9	D	11,792	2.8
Corresponding week of 1983	377,065						

	1984	1983	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	9,474,949	8,431,255	I 12.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
23 weeks ended June 9	408.2	351.2	I 16.2
Week ended June 16	18.2	16.5	I 10.4
24 weeks cumulative	426.4	367.7	I 16.0

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